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IS THERE LOVE IN SPACE?

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Is There Love in Space?

Since his guitar skills often sound like they come from another planet, it's no wonder that Joe Satriani seems the ideal person to ponder Is There Love in Space? Joining such Satriani classics as Not of This Earth and Surfing with the Alien, his latest Epic Records endeavor further explores his extra-terrestrial mastery of the instrument—albeit while working in a more comfortably grounded environment.

"People have heard my bluesy side, my metal side, and my techno side," he says. "I guess this is my rockin' side."

The 11 diverse cuts on Is There Love in Space? range from the pulsating, brash opener, "Gnaahh," to the seven-string menace of "Hands in the Air," to the poignant ballad "Just Look Up." Yet all the tracks are unified by Satriani's love of old-school hard rock.

"I've taken a lot of my cues recently from live performance more than anything else," he says of solo tours and those shared with fellow virtuosos in the evolving project G3. "Standing on stage has made me feel freer to explore some places I've been before and to look for some avenues I haven't."

One of those avenues that is rather novel to Satriani is vocal duties. Is There Love in Space? includes two compositions that feature the instrumentalist taking command of the mic. "I usually try to find a character to sing through as a method of creating a vibe on the song," he explains.

Over the hammering riff of "Lifestyle," Satriani summons the same style he adopted when covering Neil Young during the G3 tour, while on the swamprocker "I Like the Rain," he dons a ZZ Top hat "like a junior Billy Gibbons."

"My fans know I'm just using the vocals as an effect to create an interesting song," he says. "Just like if I'm playing slide guitar, they know I'm not a dedicated slide player. I'm not going to make it part of

my signature. What we arrive at is somewhat cathartic for someone who doesn't sing."

"I Like the Rain" also features the album's most eccentric moment, when the engine revving of a Harley Davidson becomes an integral part of the song. ("It's a little synchronicity combined with serendipity," Satriani says of the circumstances that spawned the recording.) Apparently, while waiting for a guitar tech to return to the studio with a piece of gear, the band could hear his

motorcycle's rumble

signaling the arrival. The crew ran some cables out the control room doors and into the street to pop the sound onto tape. "It was perfect because it went with the attitude of the vocals," Satriani says.

Another notable guest appearance involves the musician's young son, who turns up on the moody—and downright spacey—closer, "Bamboo." "I coaxed him into lying on the floor with an electric bass and playing a couple notes with his violin bow," he remembers. "It turned out to be great. It was the first thing that we had really done together that I knew would wind up on a record, so it was exciting for me. Obviously, he couldn't care less."

Is There Love in Space? is produced by Satriani, recorded by longtime collaborator John Cuniberti, and mixed by Mike Fraser. The album features the performer's core trio of Matt Bissonette on bass and Jeff Campitelli behind the drums.

With this release, the New York native now boasts 11 solo albums to his credit—and a staggering 13 Grammy nominations to go along with them. His records have sold over 10 million copies worldwide. In fact, his sophomore effort, Surfing With the Alien, became the first

> Francisco DVD hit the gold mark, and the first G3 Live in Concert DVD went platinum. In addition to his own material, Satriani has recorded and toured with such artists as Mick Jagger, Deep

instrumental guitar album to crack the Top 40. His Live in San

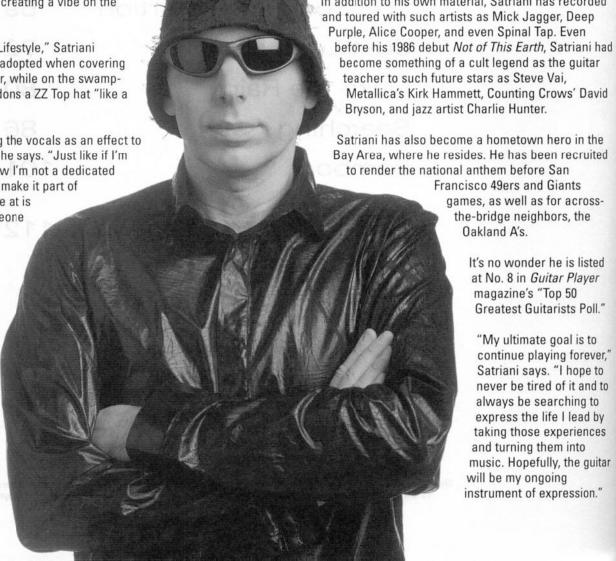
become something of a cult legend as the guitar teacher to such future stars as Steve Vai, Metallica's Kirk Hammett, Counting Crows' David Bryson, and jazz artist Charlie Hunter.

Satriani has also become a hometown hero in the Bay Area, where he resides. He has been recruited to render the national anthem before San Francisco 49ers and Giants

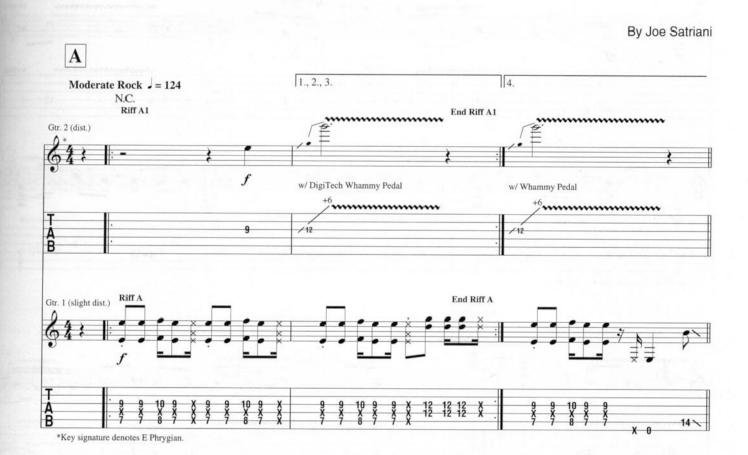
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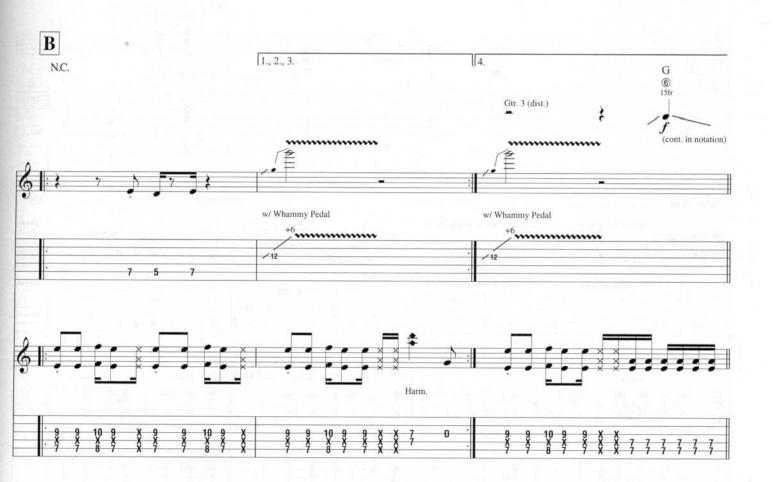
> > It's no wonder he is listed at No. 8 in Guitar Player magazine's "Top 50 Greatest Guitarists Poll."

"My ultimate goal is to continue playing forever," Satriani says. "I hope to never be tired of it and to always be searching to express the life I lead by taking those experiences and turning them into music. Hopefully, the guitar will be my ongoing instrument of expression."



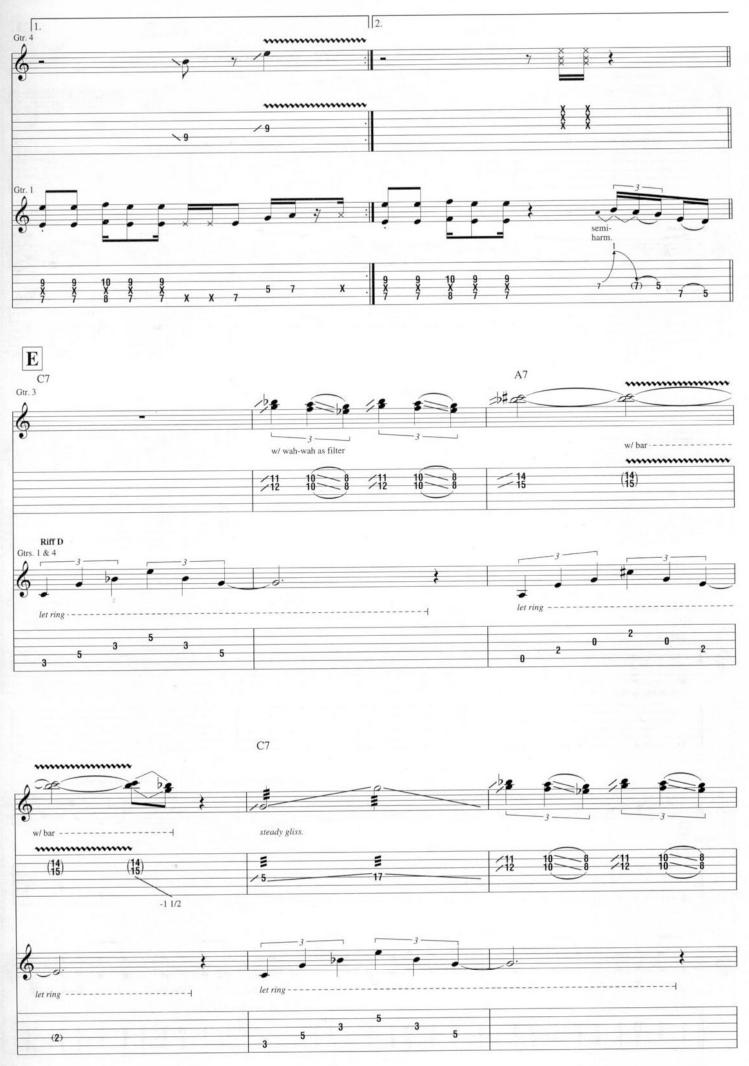
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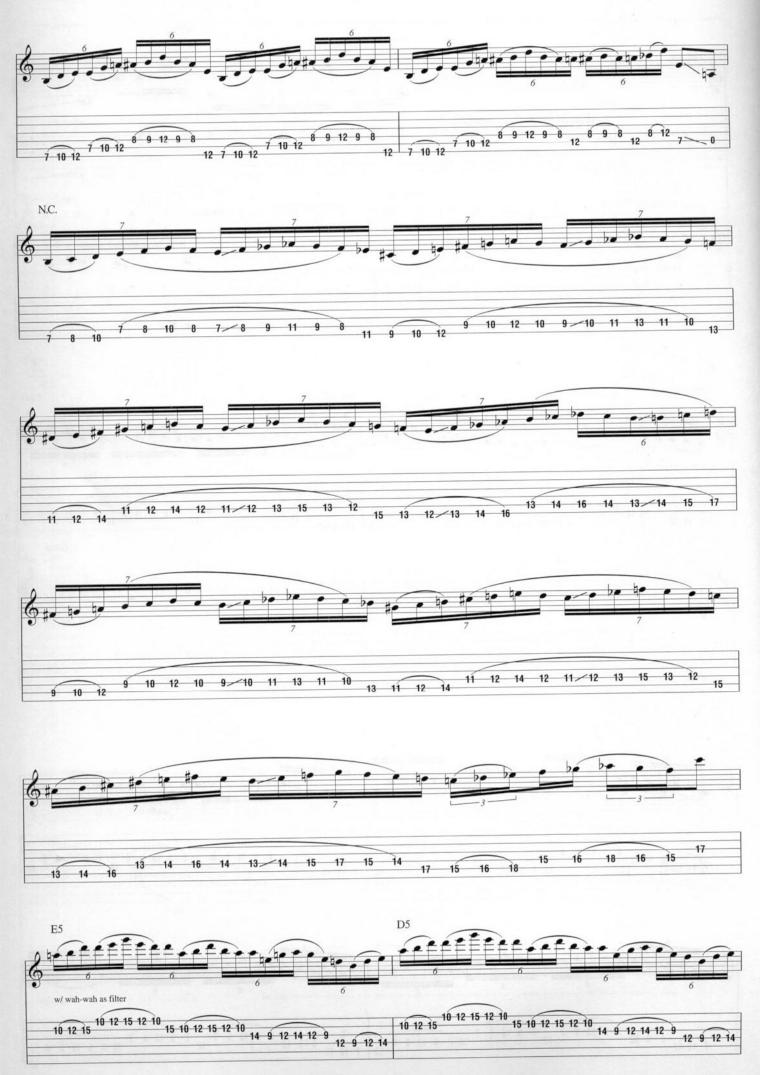




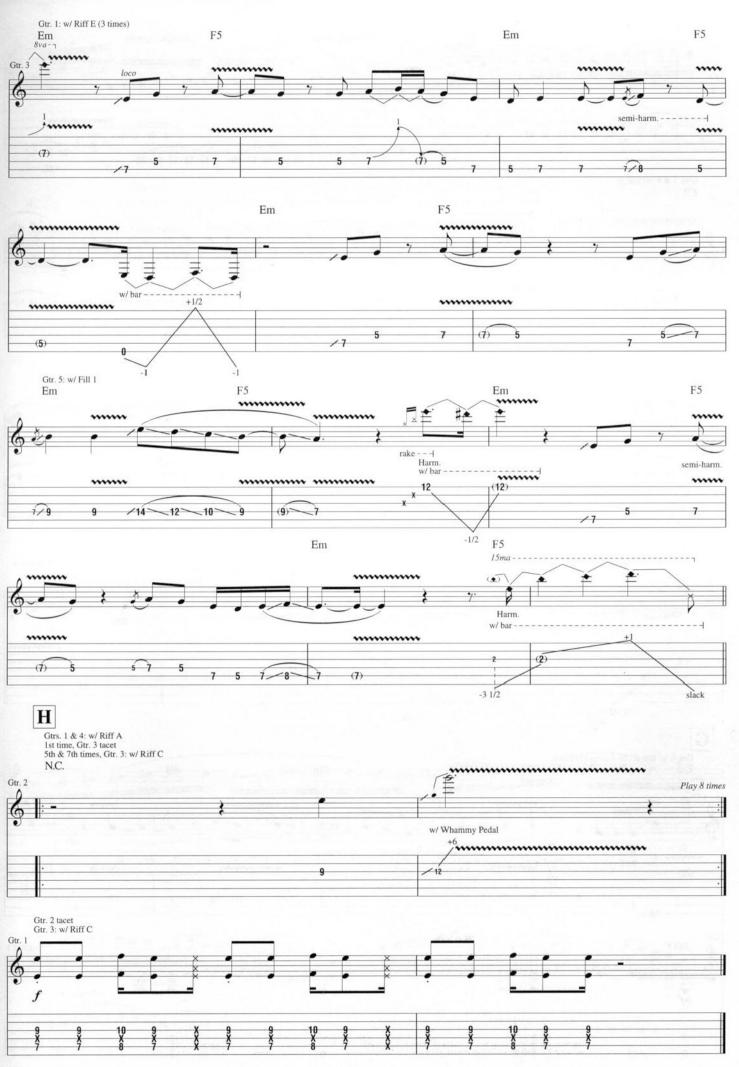








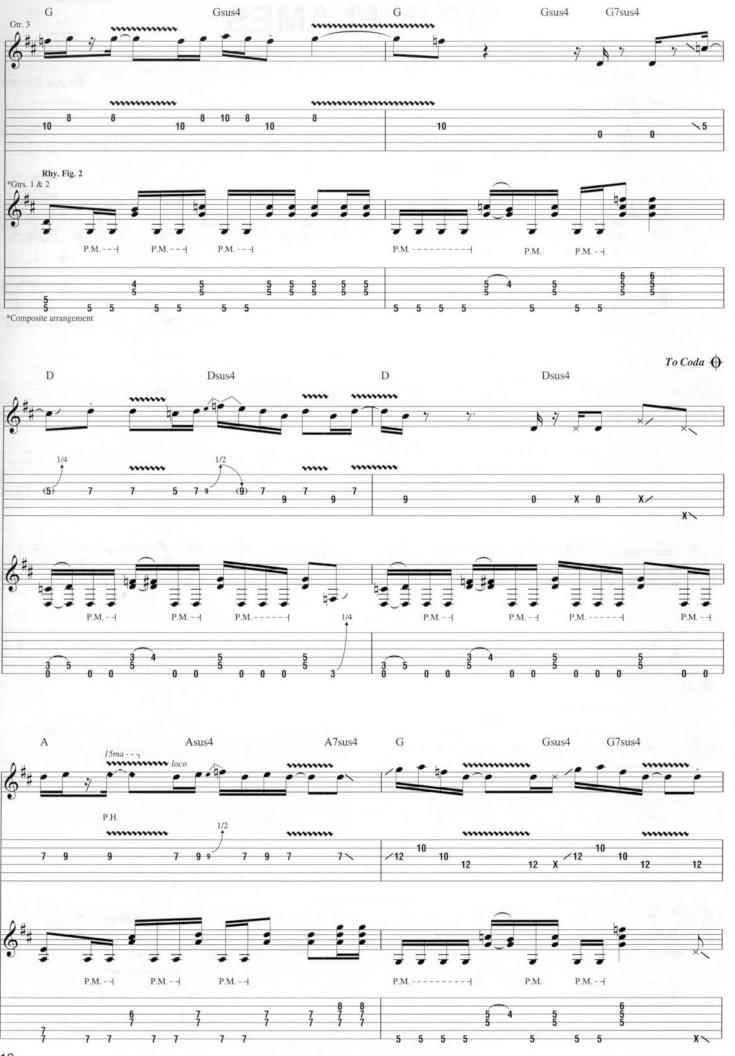




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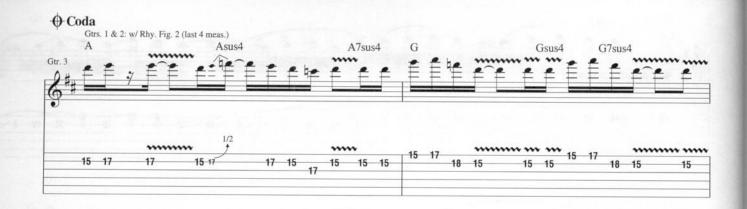


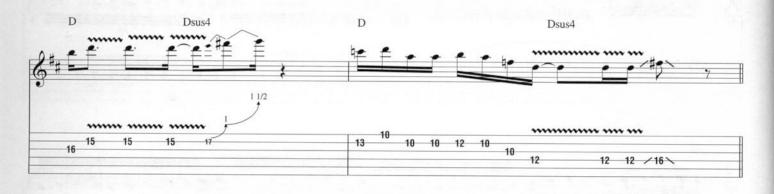


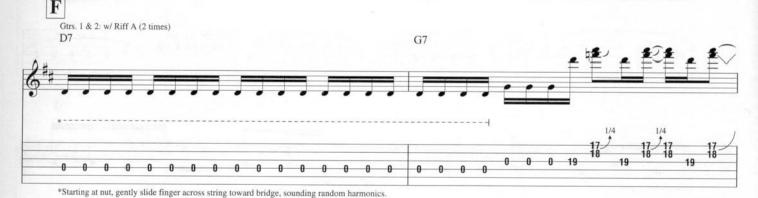


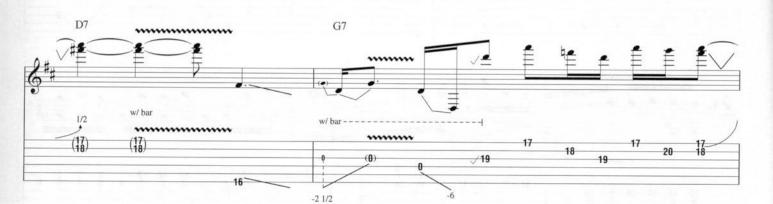


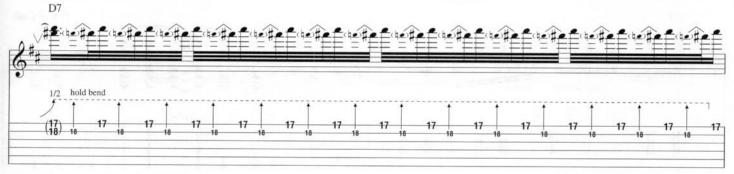


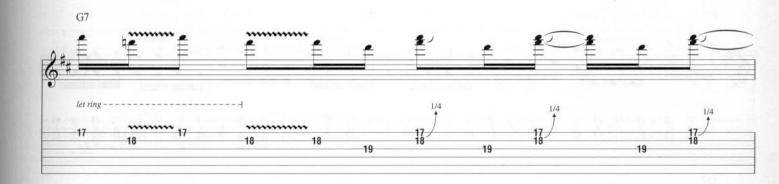


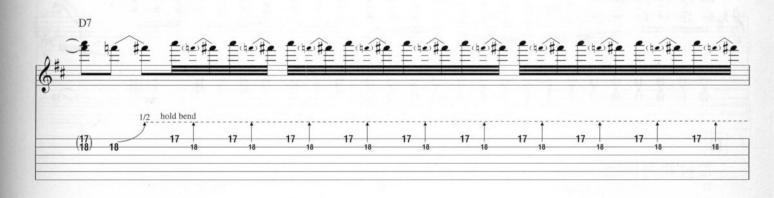


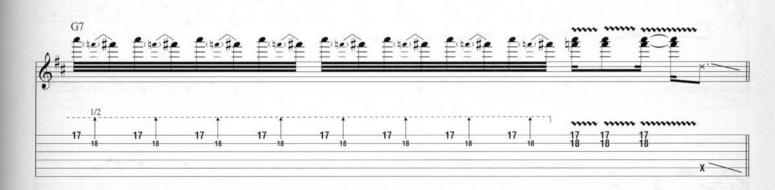


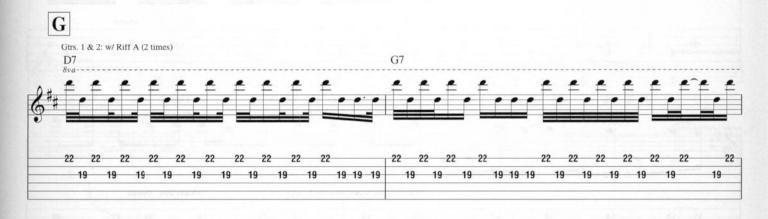


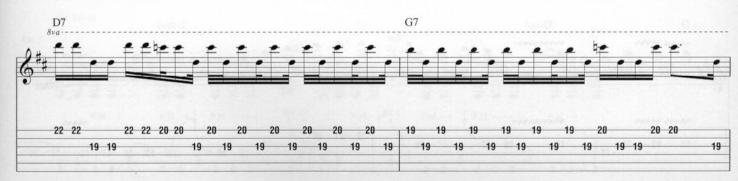






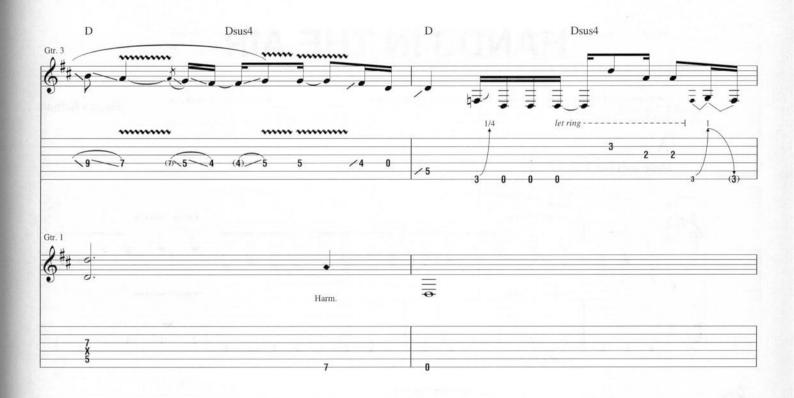


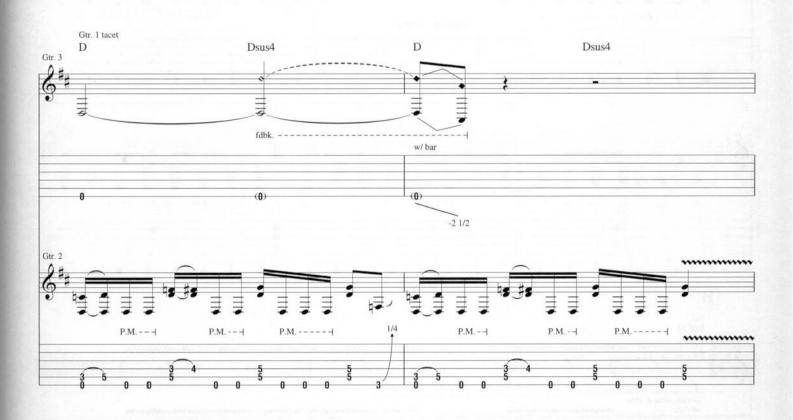


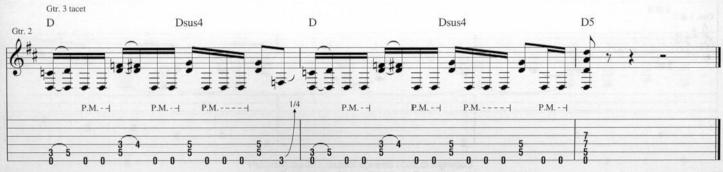






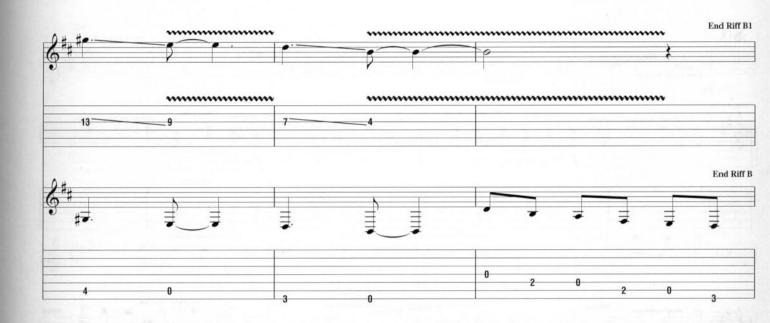


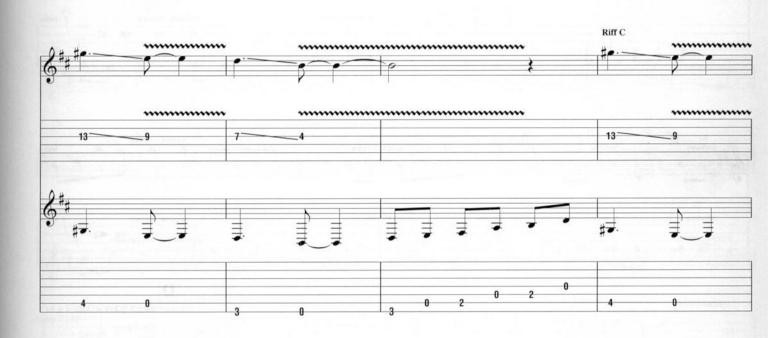


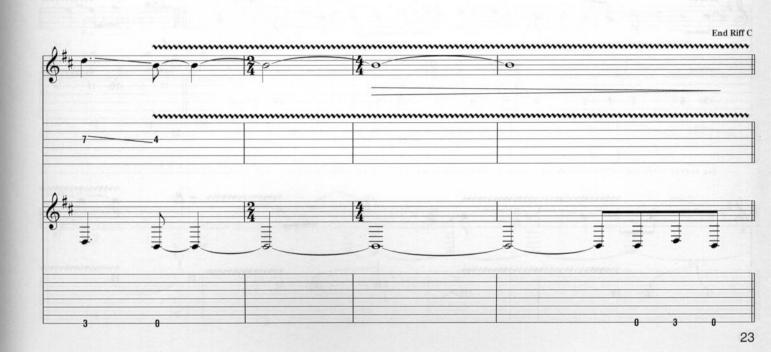


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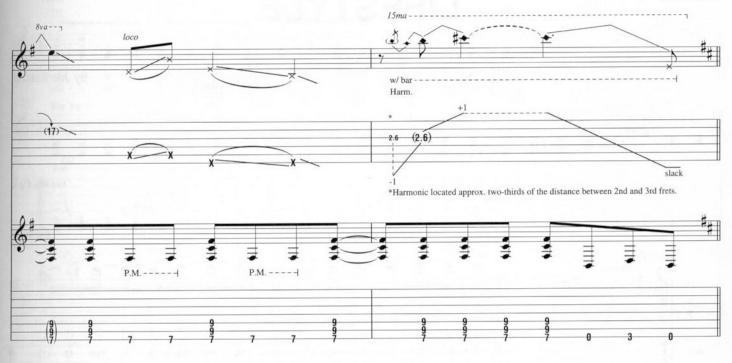


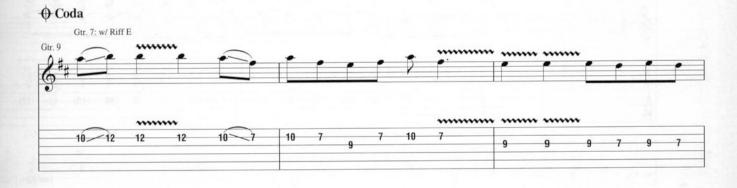


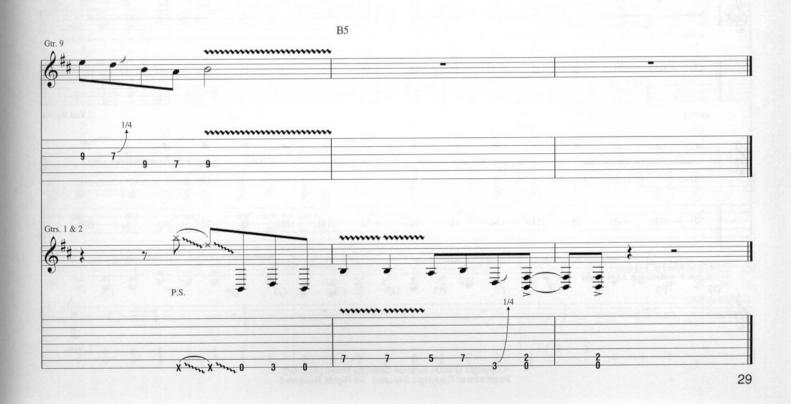






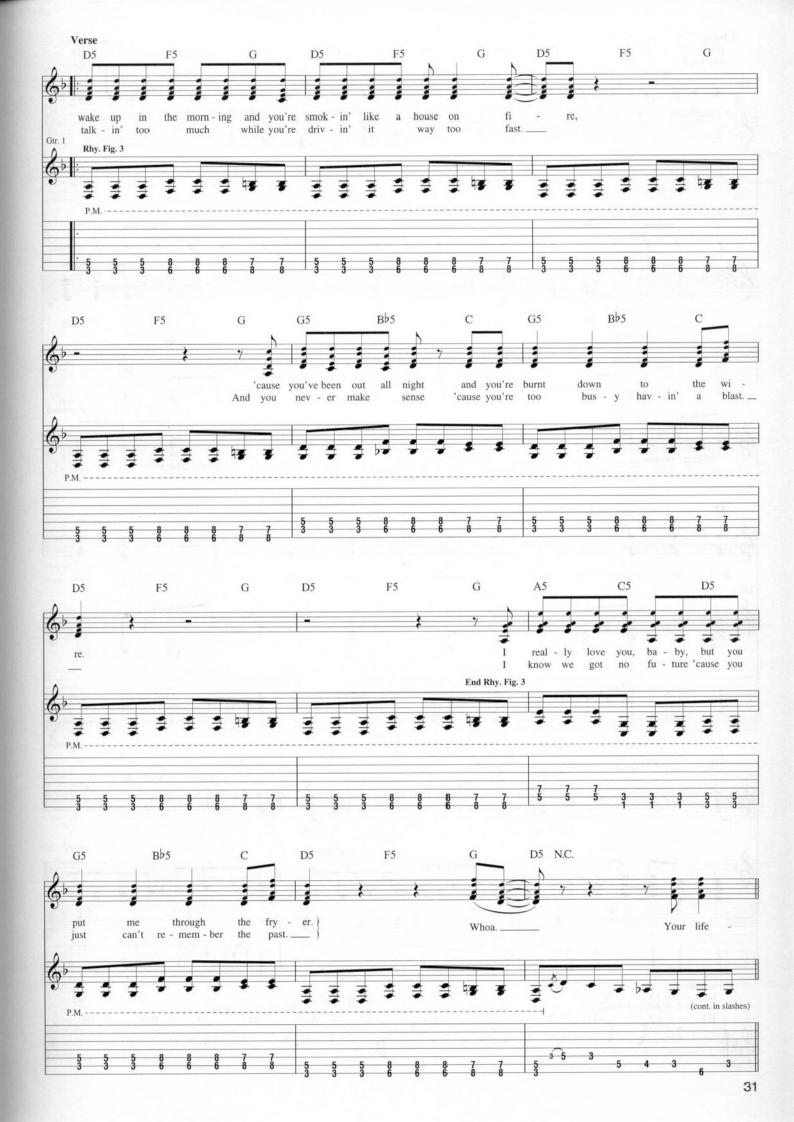






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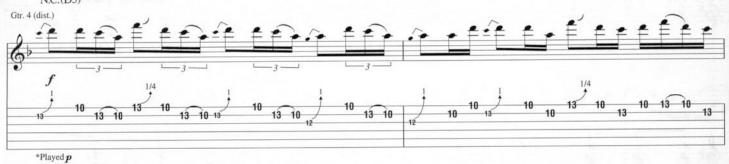


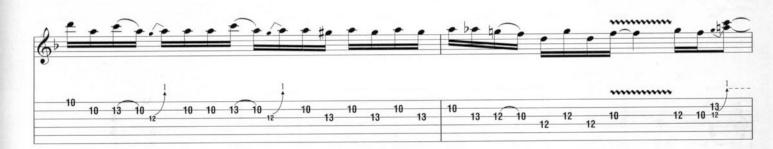


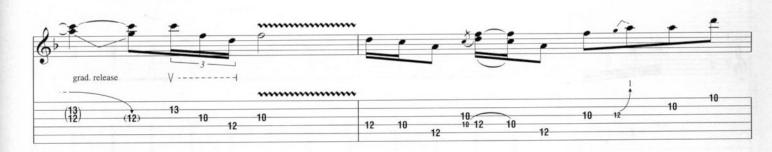


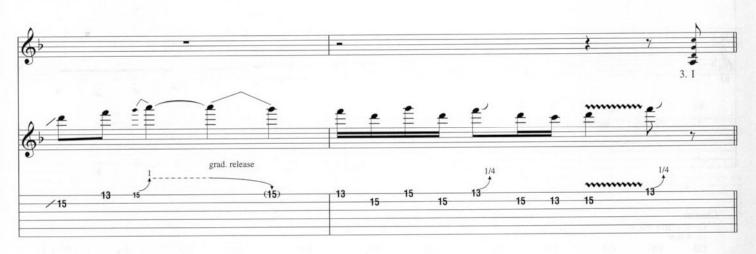
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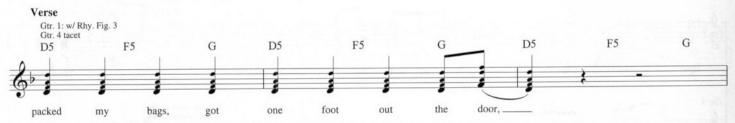
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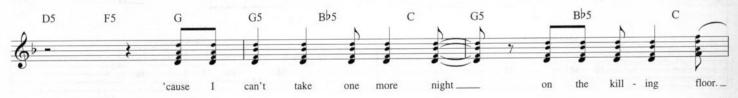




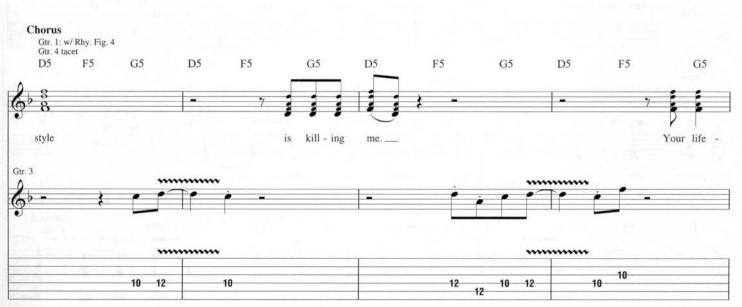
















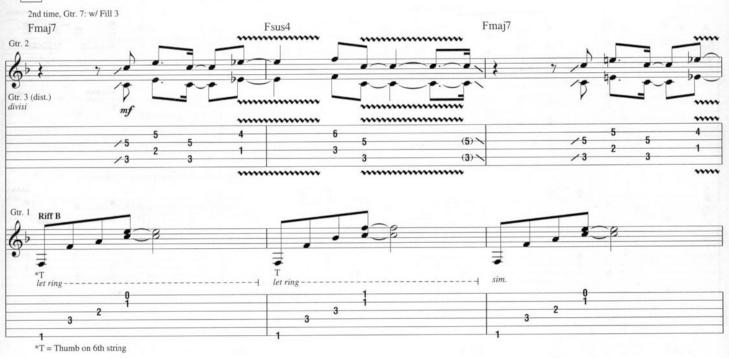


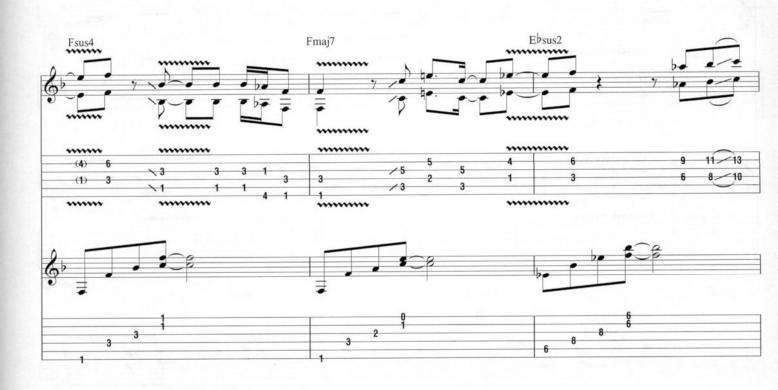
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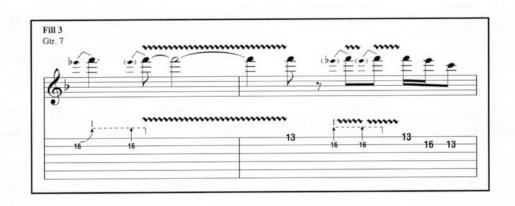
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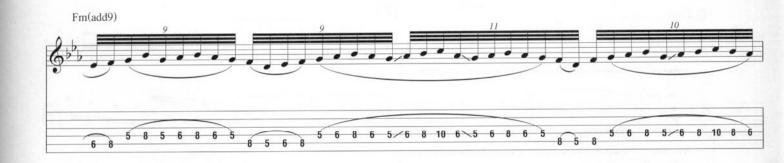


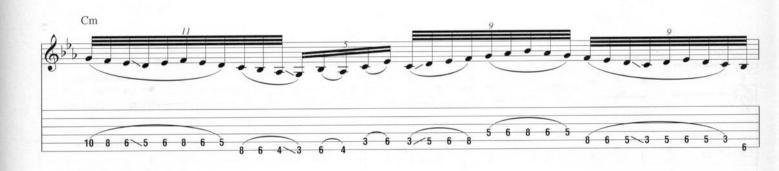


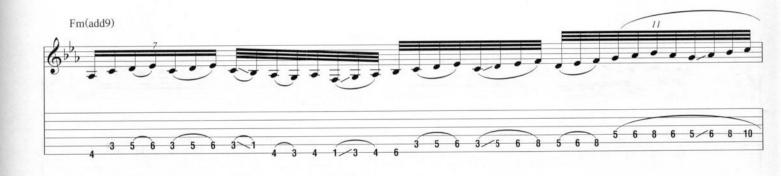


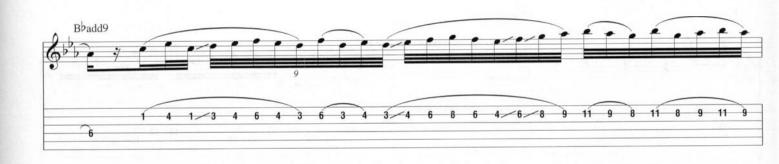




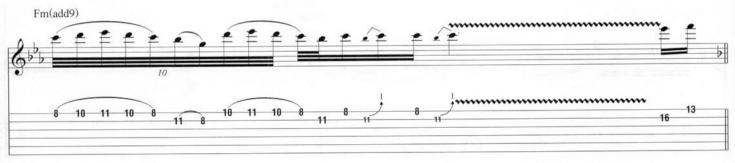


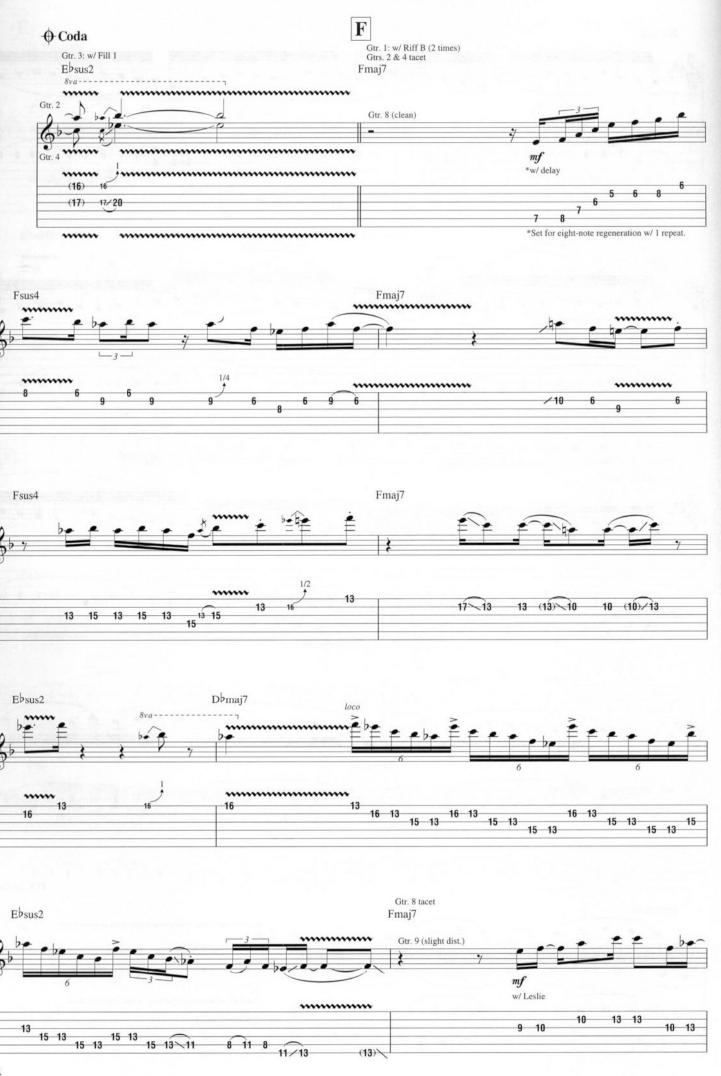


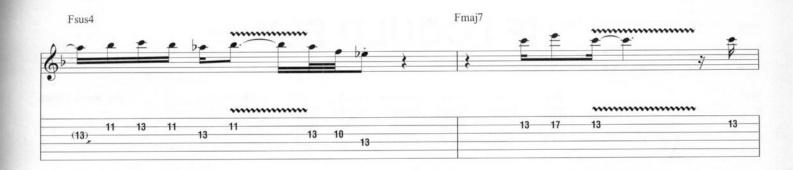


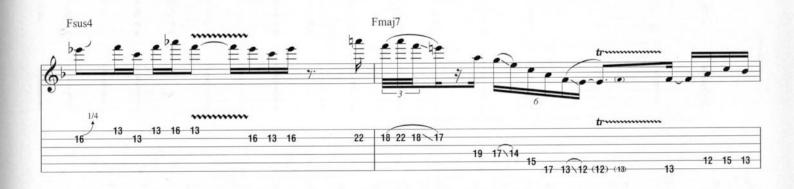


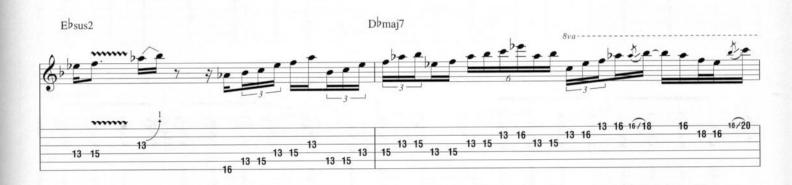
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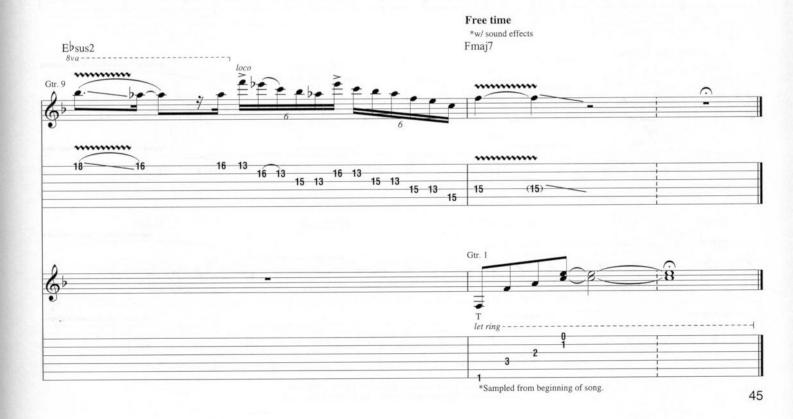












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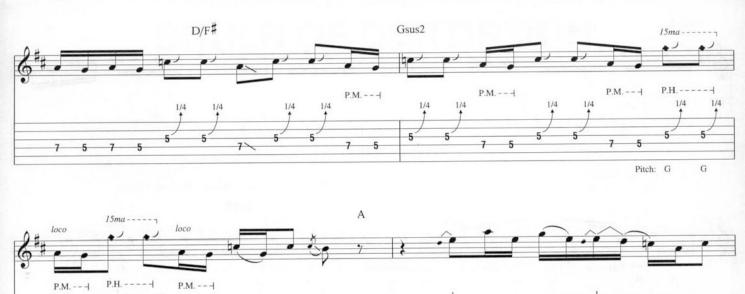






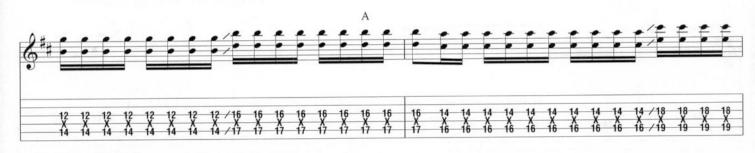




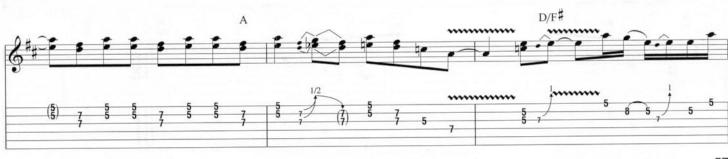


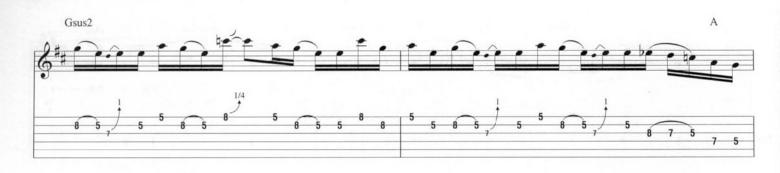


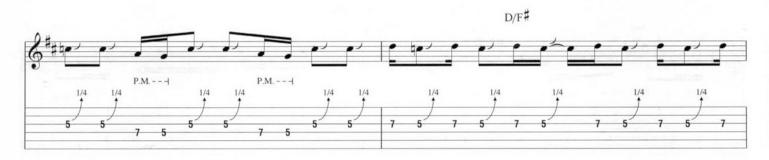


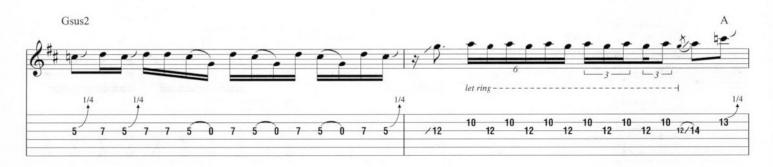


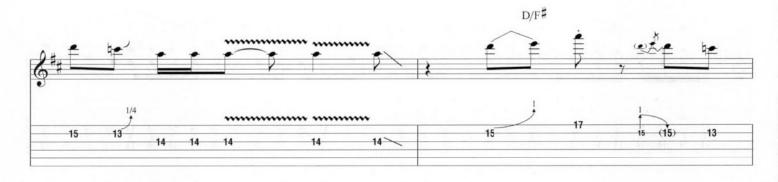


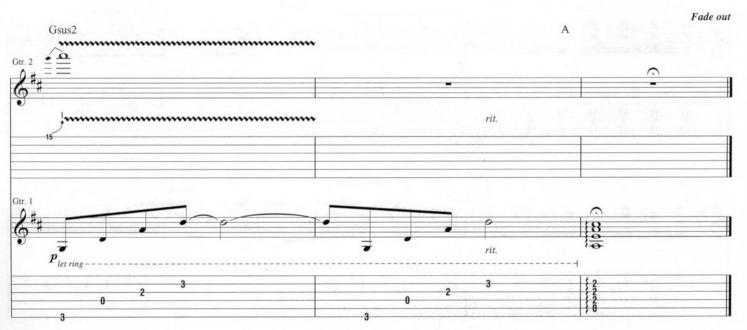












SOULS OF DISTORTION

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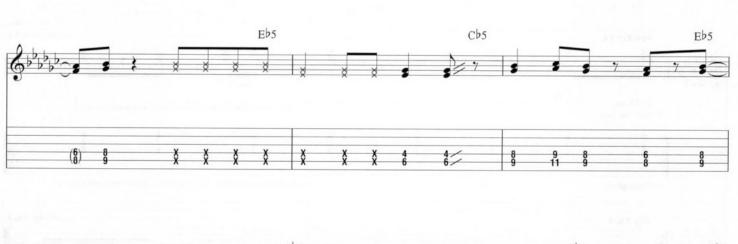




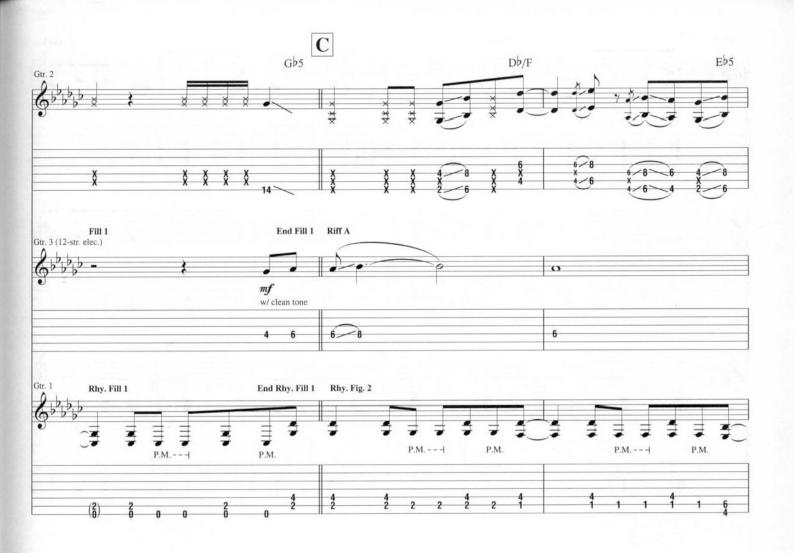
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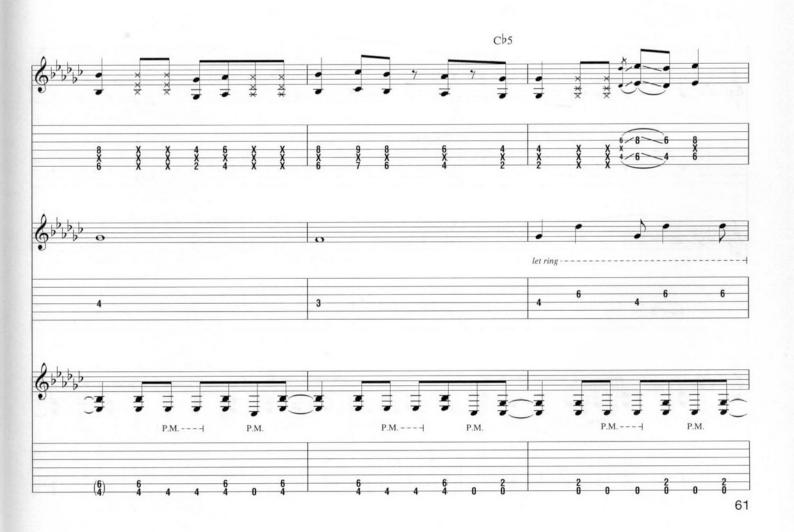








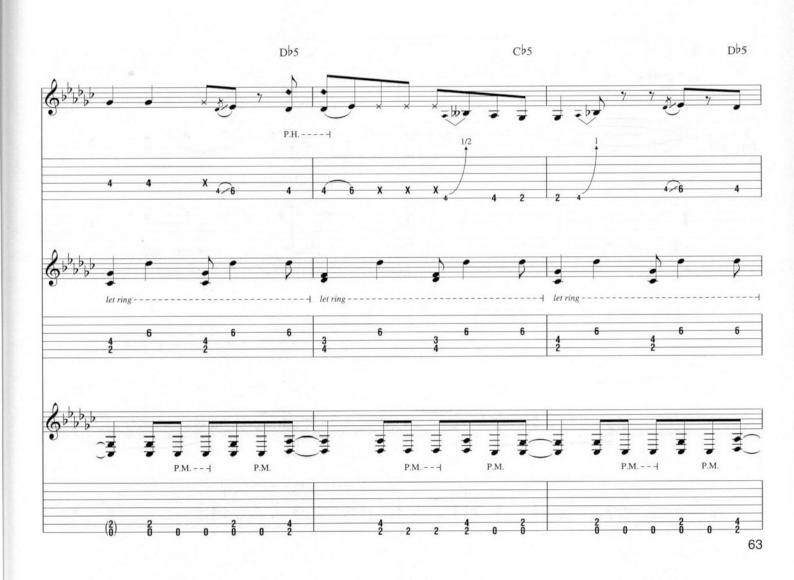




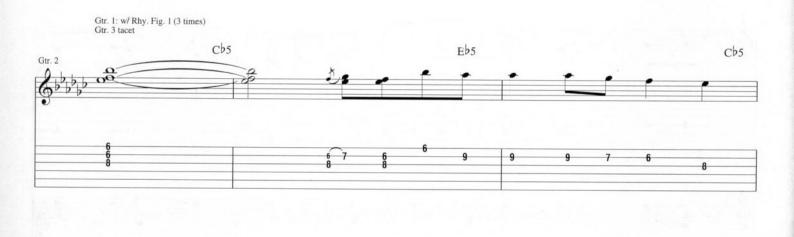


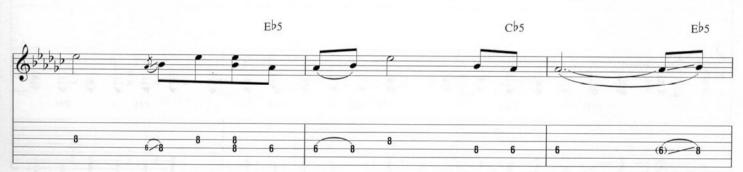


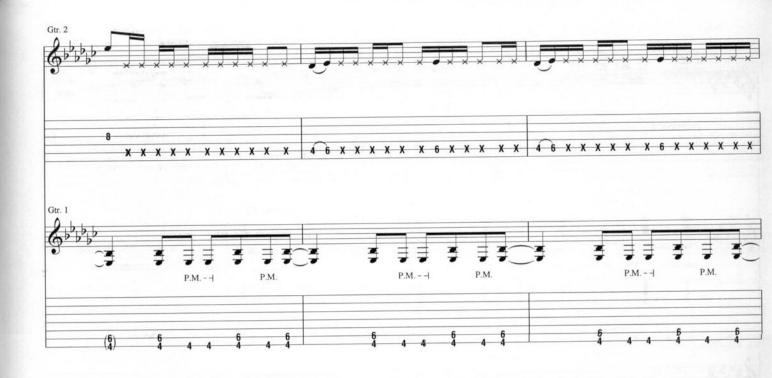






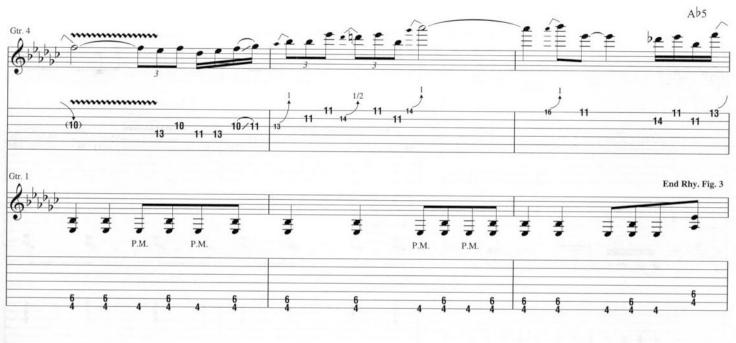












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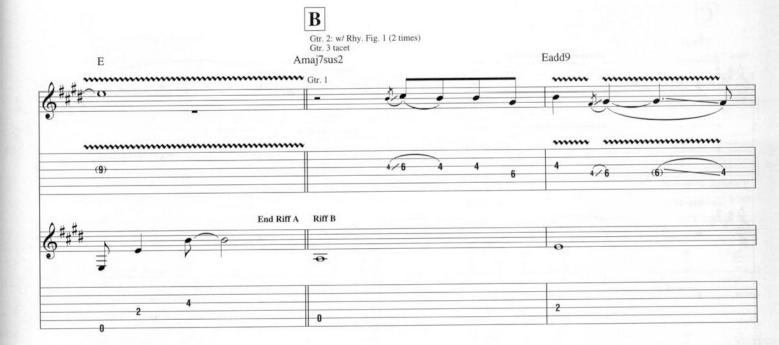




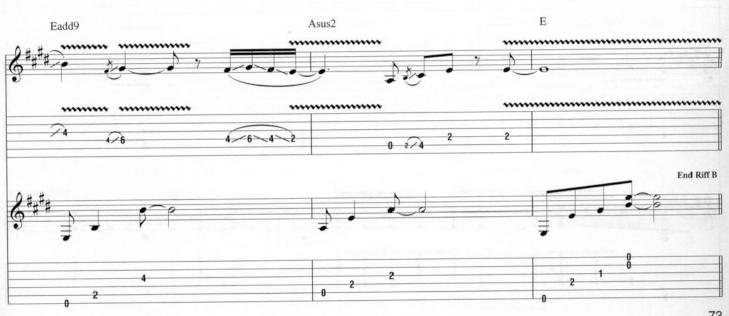


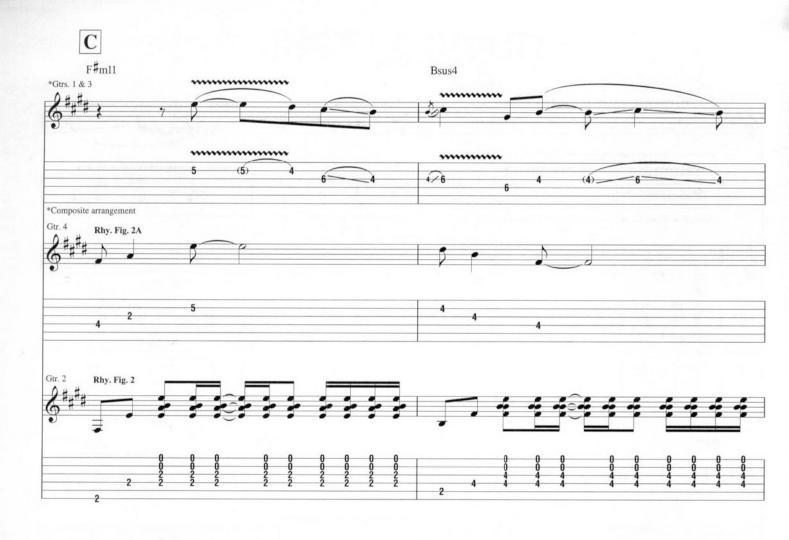
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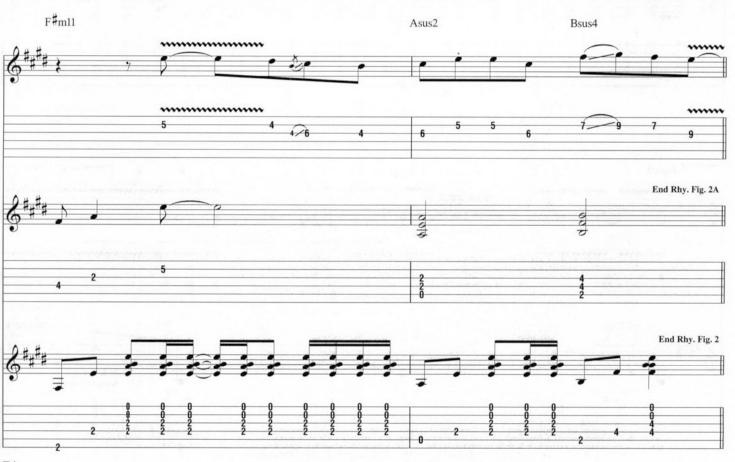






















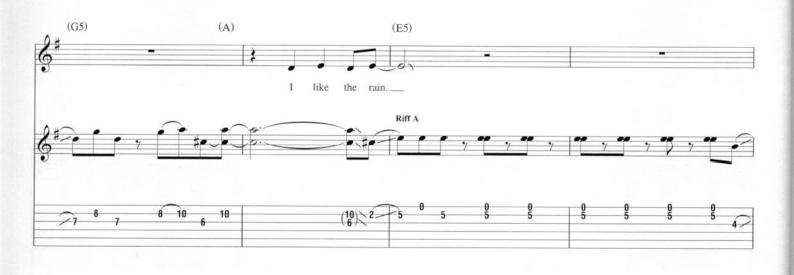
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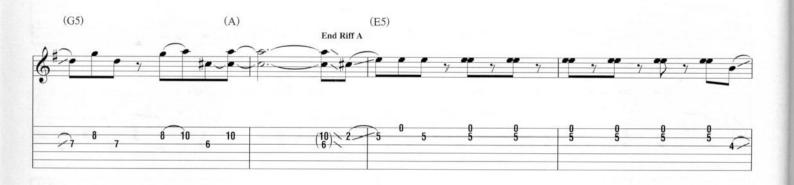
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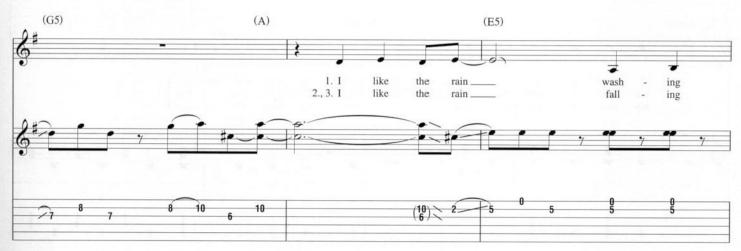




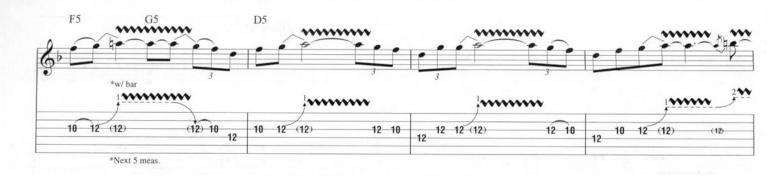


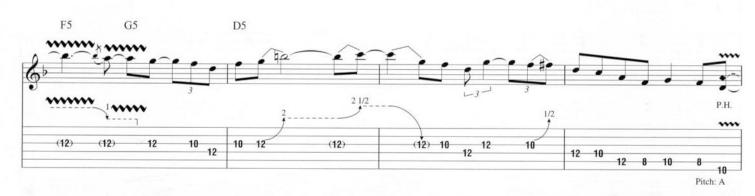


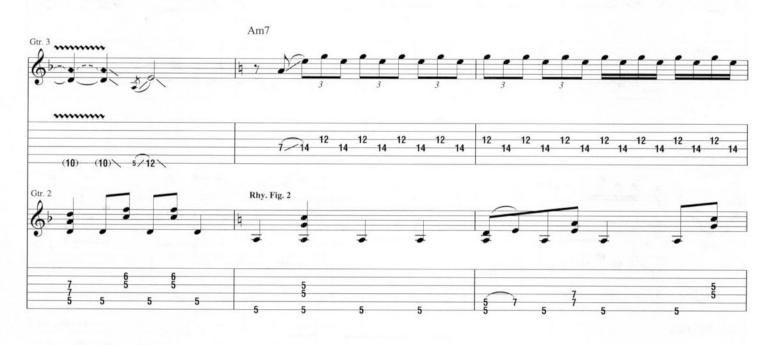
















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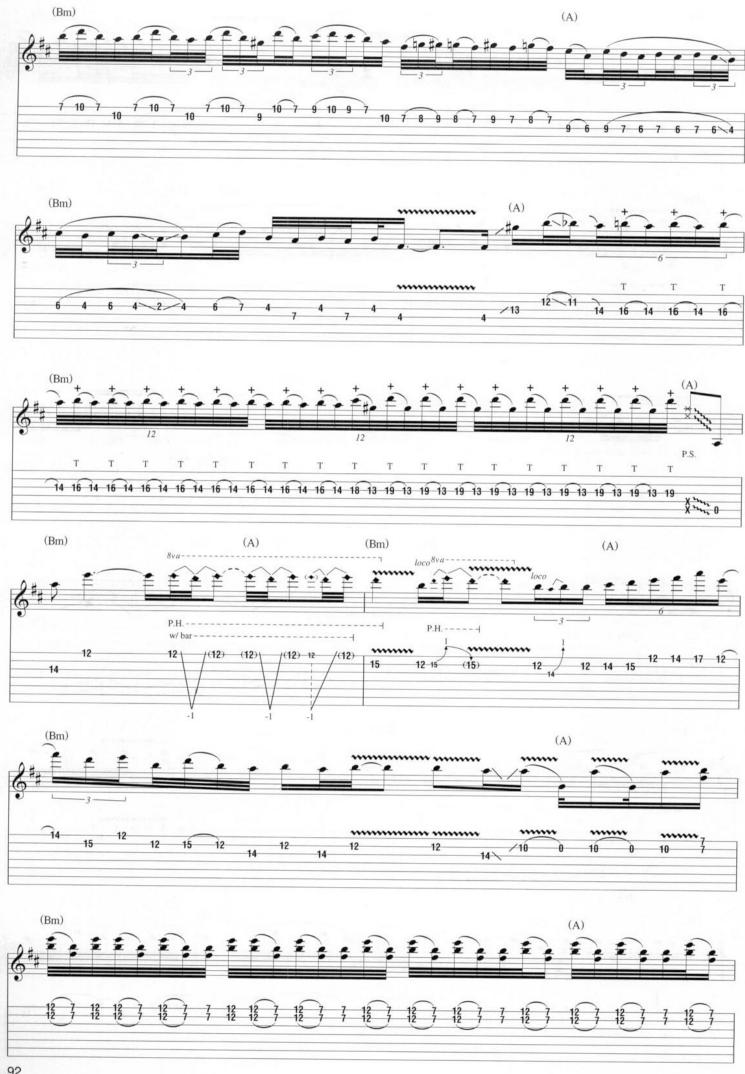


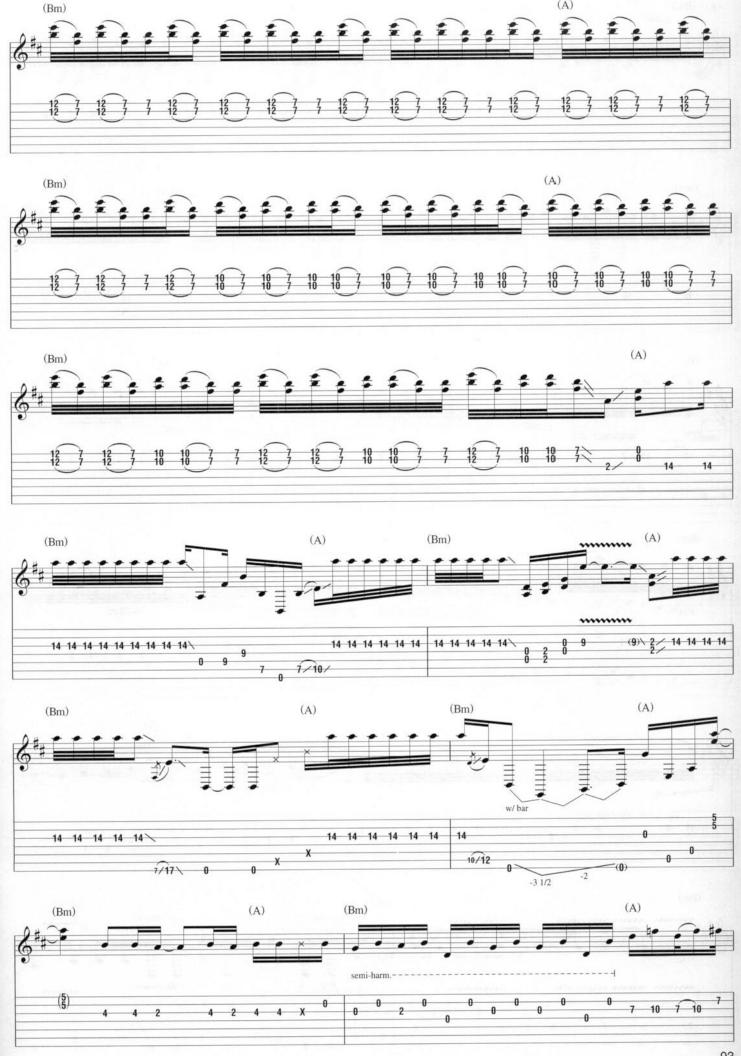








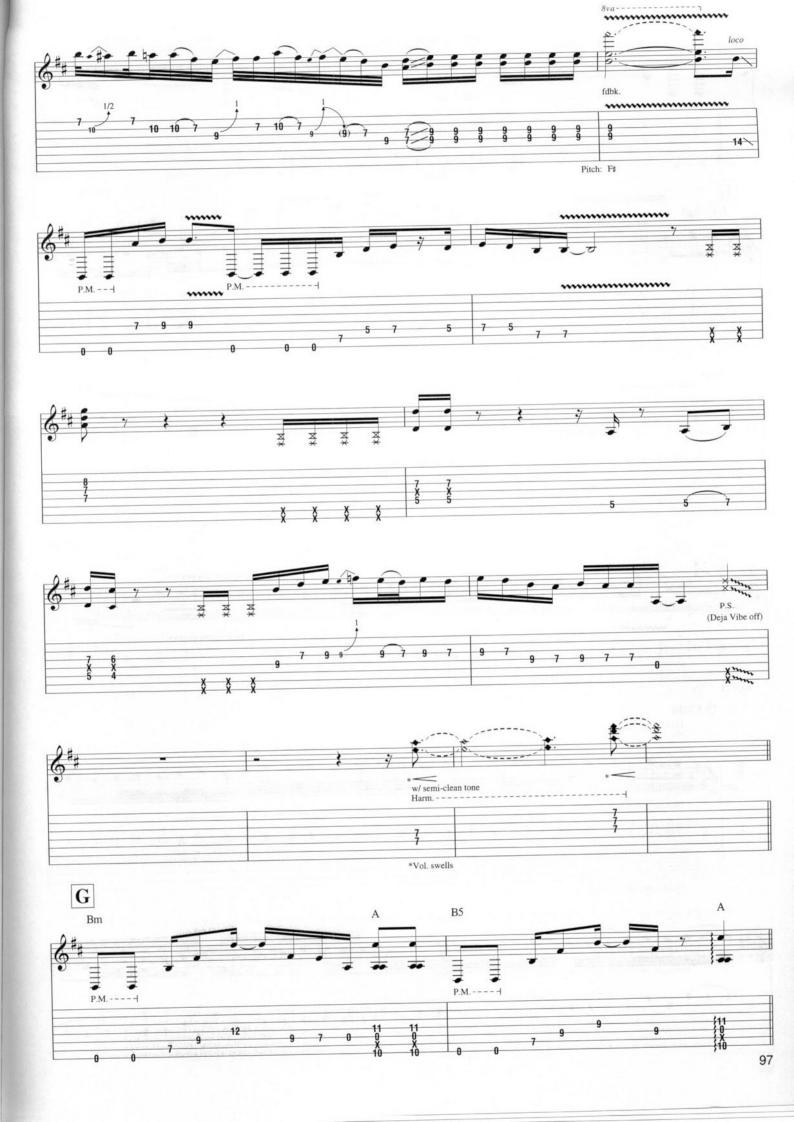


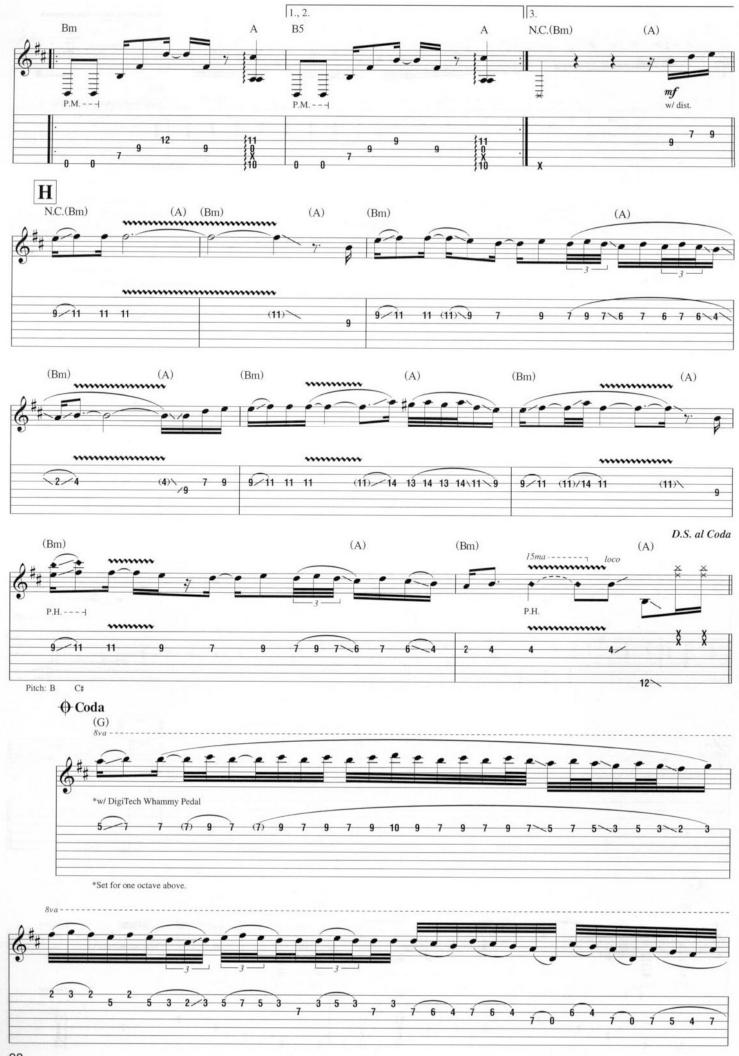




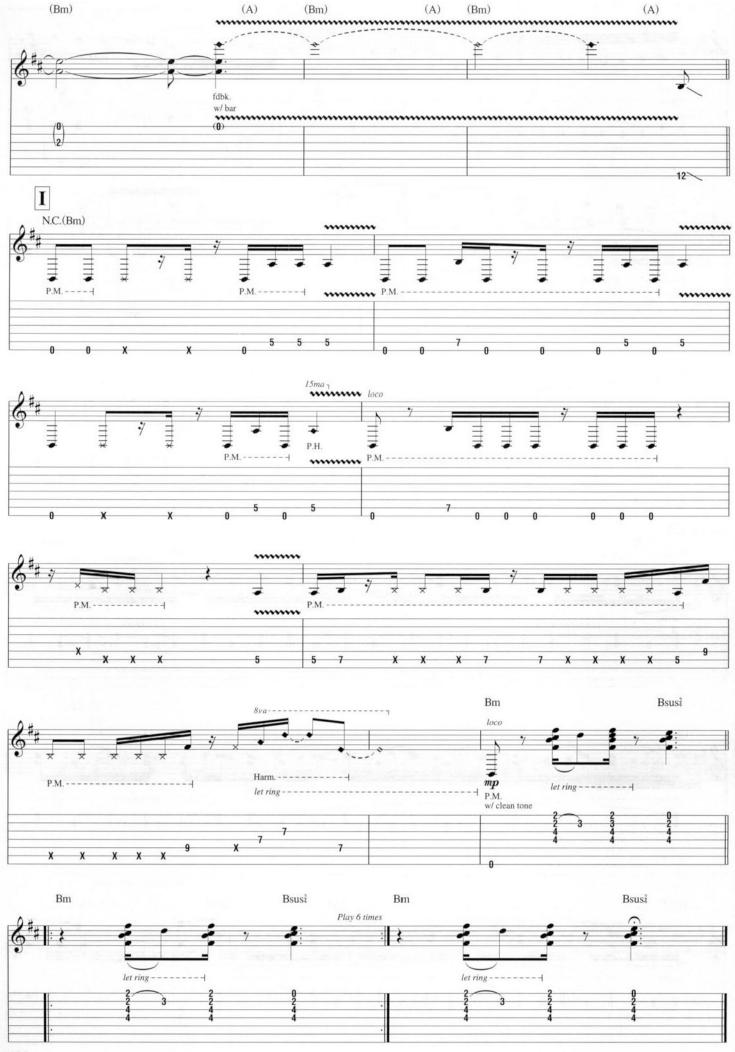






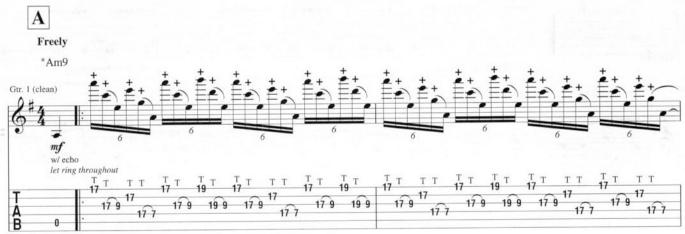




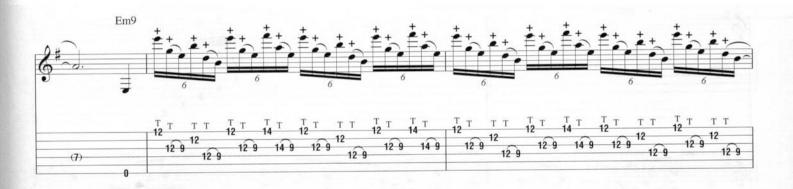


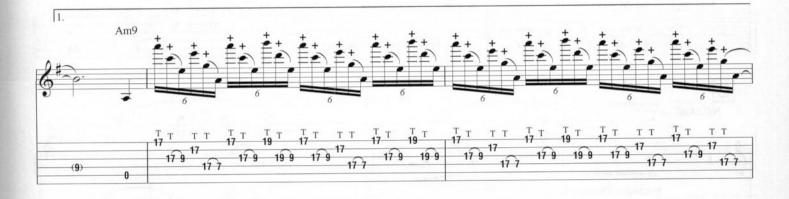
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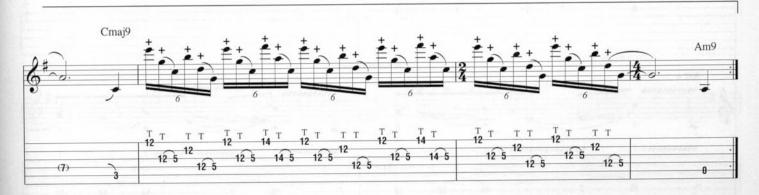
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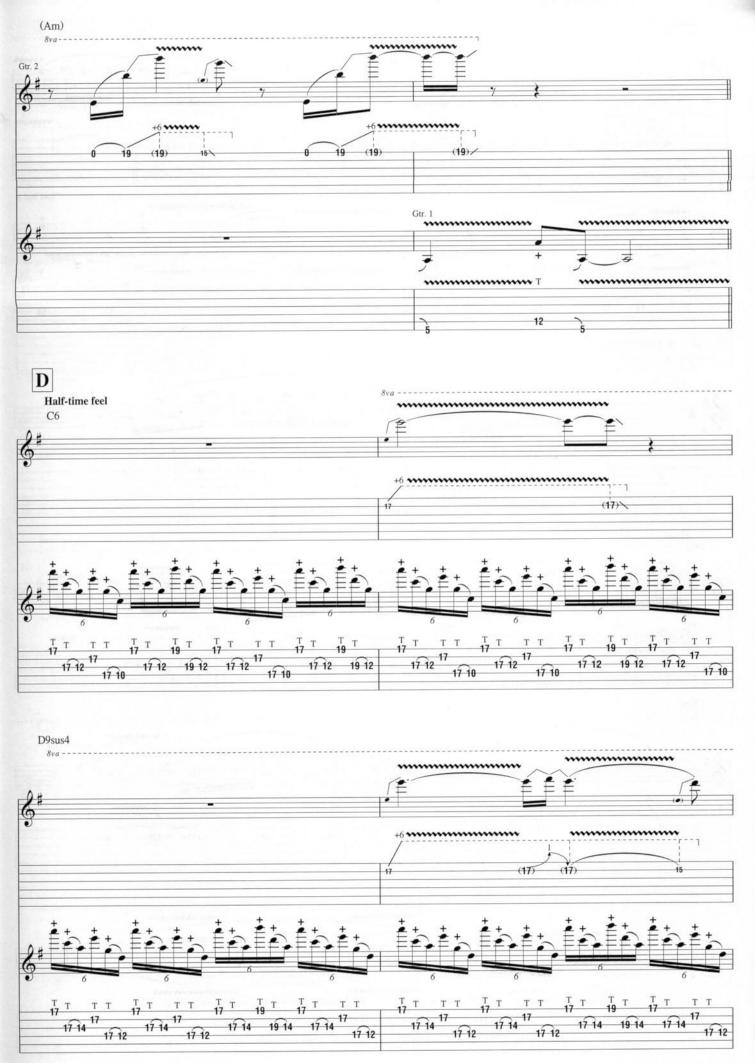


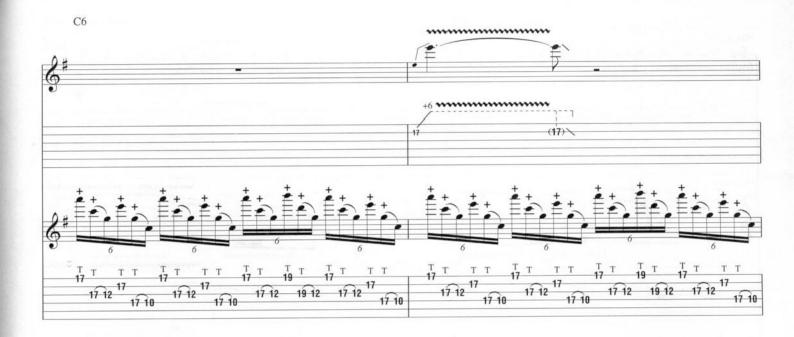


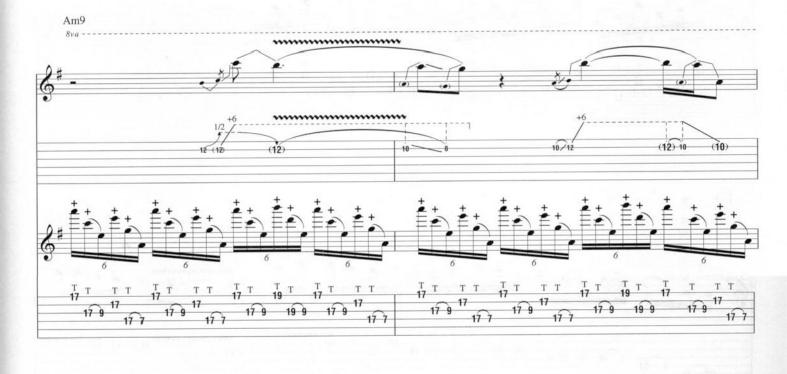


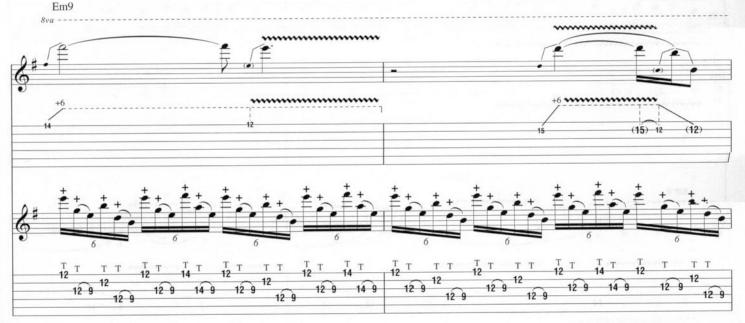


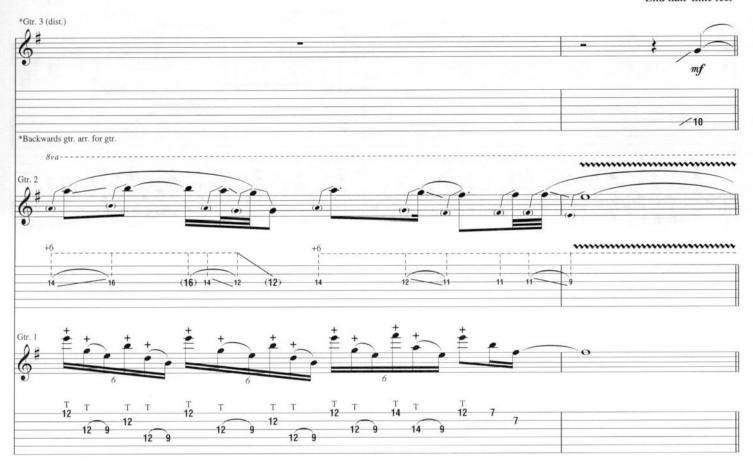


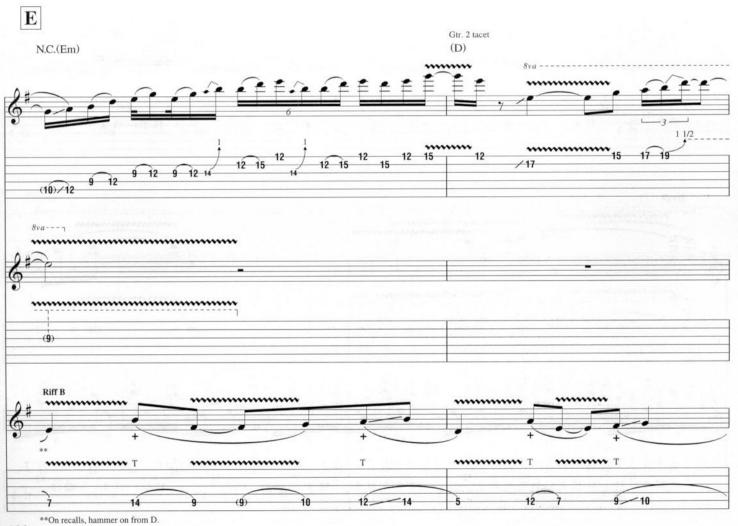






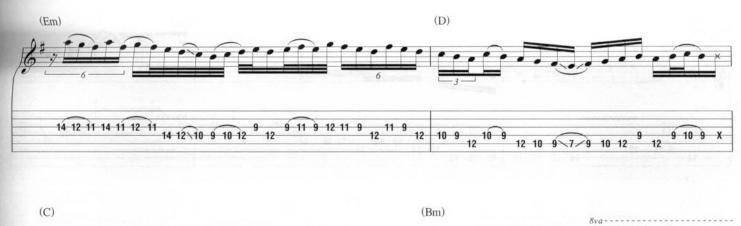




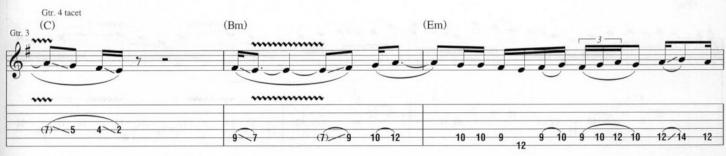
















Guitar Notation Legend

Guitar Music can be notated three different ways: on a musical staff, in tablature, and in rhythm slashes.

RHYTHM SLASHES are written above the staff. Strum chords in the rhythm indicated. Use the chord diagrams found at the top of the first page of the transcription for the appropriate chord voicings. Round noteheads indicate single notes.

THE MUSICAL STAFF shows pitches and rhythms and is divided by bar lines into measures. Pitches are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet.

TABLATURE graphically represents the guitar fingerboard. Each horizontal line represents a string, and each number represents a fret.

HALF-STEP BEND: Strike the note and bend up 1/2 step.



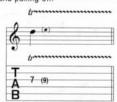
BEND AND RELEASE: Strike the note and bend up as indicated, then release back to the original note. Only the first note is struck.



HAMMER-ON: Strike the first (lower) note with one finger, then sound the higher note (on the same string) with another finger by fretting it without picking.



TRILL: Very rapidly alternate between the notes indicated by continuously hammering on and pulling off.

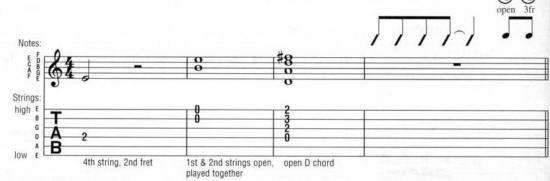


PICK SCRAPE: The edge of the pick is rubbed down (or up) the string, producing a scratchy sound.



TREMOLO PICKING: The note is picked as rapidly and continuously as possible.





WHOLE-STEP BEND: Strike the note and bend up one step.



PRE-BEND: Bend the note as indicated, then strike it



PULL-OFF: Place both fingers on the notes to be sounded. Strike the first note and without picking, pull the finger off to sound the second (lower) note.



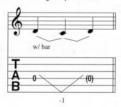
TAPPING: Hammer ("tap") the fret indicated with the pick-hand index or middle finger and pull off to the note fretted by the fret hand.



MUFFLED STRINGS: A percussive sound is produced by laying the fret hand across the string(s) without depressing, and striking them with the pick hand.



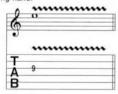
VIBRATO BAR DIVE AND RETURN: The pitch of the note or chord is dropped a specified number of steps (in rhythm) then returned to the original pitch.



GRACE NOTE BEND: Strike the note and immediately bend up as indicated.



VIBRATO: The string is vibrated by rapidly bending and releasing the note with the fretting hand.



LEGATO SLIDE: Strike the first note and then slide the same fret-hand finger up or down to the second note. The second note is not strike.



NATURAL HARMONIC: Strike the note while the fret-hand lightly touches the string directly over the fret indicated.



PALM MUTING: The note is partially muted by the pick hand lightly touching the string(s) just before the bridge.



VIBRATO BAR SCOOP: Depress the bar just before striking the note, then quickly release the bar.



SLIGHT (MICROTONE) BEND: Strike the note and bend up 1/4 step.

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WIDE VIBRATO: The pitch is varied to a great degree by vibrating with the fretting hand.



SHIFT SLIDE: Same as legato slide, except the second note is struck.



PINCH HARMONIC: The note is fretted normally and a harmonic is produced by addin the edge of the thumb or the tip of the index



RAKE: Drag the pick across the strings indicated with a single motion.



VIBRATO BAR DIP: Strike the note and then immediately drop a specified number of steps, then release back to the original pitch.





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